

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 195th. Meeting of the E/C which was held on the 9th. February 2006 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (chmn); Mrs Liggett; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs Gordon.

3) Minutes: Minutes of the 194th Meeting held on 9th February, which had been circulated were agreed.

4) Matters Arising. Mr Sutton said that negotiations with St Mary's concerning the modifications to their public address system and its use by third parties had taken place and he read out a draft agreement. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Society could go ahead and purchase a lapel microphone.

The Roman Wall. Nothing to report.

The Painted House. The KCC & DDC have agreed to provide funds for the necessary maintenance. It now appears that more money is required to pay for an employee. the sum of £16000 being mentioned. After discussing the matter the Treasurer Capt. Weston proposed and Mrs Liggett 2nd that subject to a satisfactory business plan being prepared the Society should offer the sum of £300. This was agreed.

Trees; Mr Woolford said that there had been a meeting with the interested parties and agreement had been reached to go ahead with the project

Bleriot Memorial. Mr Sutton said that he had viewed the site and did not think it was too bad. Mr Leach said that he too had been up to see the site and had difficulty in parking. After some discussion it was decided to ask for the trees to be cut back and to make inquiries as to what, if any thing, the French were proposing to do for the centenary..

Christmas Cards: Mr Lee produced samples of some cards and had quotes for a variety of different Christmas Cards which might be suitable for the Society. After a detailed discussion it was decided to try the idea for one year with Mr Lee and Mrs Reidy guiding the project.

The Book of Remembrance. Talks still continuing

5) The Chairman. Mr Leach said that he had received a letter from Mr Sherrard who has been appointed by the Trustees of St Edmunds Chapel with the task of reviewing the constitution of the Trust. with a view to further development. The Society was asked if it would like to take part. Answer Yes.

The Gun Turret. A request has been received asking if the Society would be prepared to provide Custodians for the Gun Turret on Admiralty Pier. Mr Sutton suggested that an approach be made to the RA Association. Agreed.

A suggestion has been received from a member for a Plaque to be placed in the Western Docks in memory of the Unknown Warrior. It was decided to hold further talks.

Mr Leach said that he had had no success in finding an Advertising Manager and called upon members to continue their search.

Connections between Castle and the Town Mr Leach said that he had received several suggestions which he would pass on.

6) The Treasurer; Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following points:

A) £32 received during month £6 for this year and £26 for the next.

B) £250.82 for the Publication Fund from the sale of the book 'Dover's Hidden Fortress'

C) £8.47 Spent on photocopying and stationery

D) The Christmas Feast made a profit of £7.28

E) £28.09 Auditor's fees. For 2004/5.

7) Membership Secretary Mrs Cope said that there was new member, Mrs K. Quigley of Castle Hill Rd total membership now 446.

8) Projects: Mr Cope reported that good progress was being kept up at Cowgate.

Volunteers for river cleaning are to be trained for the task. The signs for the River Dour Walk are

expected soon.

9) Social Secretary: Mrs Liggett said that the social programme for the next year is ready for publication and will appear in the next Newsletter.

10) Planning and Local Govt. Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 101st meeting of the planning sub-committee. He reported that a meeting had been held with the KCC and the DTC the Society was represented by Mr Leach ,Mr Woolford and Capt Weston. to discuss the current position on the trees for the Precinct. It appears that the decisions are being made by the KCC with the DTC acting as their agent. It has been decided that all the trees have to be in containers placed on the surface of the Precinct the Council has got a stock of metal containers which are available and the KCC will say where they are to be sited bearing in mind that the field of vision of the existing CCTs must be maintained.

The installation will take place in late February or March subject to the weather being suitable for planting.

11) Press Secretary; Mr Sutton said that a report on some of the Society's activities had appeared in the Dover Mercury

12) Publications. Mr Leach said that Mrs Lilley had agreed to continue with Triangle Publications until all the B. Adams memorial books are sold. There are Fifty on hand,.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25hrs. Date of the next meeting 9th. March